

Executive for Inspection and Security.

6 October 1947

Legislative Liaison Officer

Release or Disclosure of Classified or Unclassified CIA Intelligence or Information to the Congress of the United States.

Reference: Memorandum from Executive for Inspection and Security, dated 30 September 1947, subject as above.

1. Paragraph 1 of basic memorandum is concurred in.
2. Paragraph 2 of basic memorandum is concurred in.
3. Paragraph 3(a) and Paragraph 3 (b) should be eliminated. Paragraph 3 (a) is capable of too broad an interpretation in that it states that "all requests received by the Central Intelligence Agency ... from the Congress will be referred to OCD." All requests received from the Congress should be forwarded initially to the Legislative Liaison Officer, in order that the file on Congressmen may be complete in this office and in order that previous CIA relations with the given Congressman maybe determined. If the intelligence request is one for intelligence information, the Legislative Liaison Officer should make an initial attempt to have the Congressional office reroute the request to the proper IAC member. If, however, in the opinion of the Legislative Liaison Officer it is a question of furnishing intelligence information to the Congress which is within the scope of CIA, he should then forward the request to OCD with his recommendation. Upon reference, OCD should inform Legislative Liaison Officer of final action. The procedure suggested in Paragraph 3 (a) of Reference Memorandum will serve to introduce a considerable number of additional CIA names to the Congressional offices and result in added confusion to the legislative liaison picture by so doing.
4. Paragraph 4 is concurred in, particularly in regard to the statement that decisions in each instance must be reached on an ad hoc basis. Before final decision is reached on the proposed language contained in Paragraph 4 (f), however, further consultation with the General Counsel's office should be held to determine whether the proposed language in Paragraph 4 (f) (1) and (2) has any legal weight in the present connection.
5. Paragraph 5 (a) is too broad, in requiring that authorization to testify must be given by the Director. There are instances when requests for minor testimony are made which should not entail the Director's decision. The Deputy Director and Executive Director should also be authorized to permit testimony by CIA personnel.

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Paragraph 5 (b) is too broad, in that it states that any person on duty with CIA who is requested to appear before a Committee of Congress must immediately inform the Legislative Liaison Officer. It would appear unnecessary for the Director, Deputy Director, or Executive Director, to be required by this memorandum to inform the Legislative Liaison Officer. With this exception, paragraph 5 (b) is concurred in.

6. It is requested that the undersigned see any proposed redraft of this memorandum before final adoption.

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